

but for the back-yard or front-lawn proprietor, and for the owner of few acres, like myself. Every man, woman, and child that owns or can hire or beg a piece of land twenty feet square can join our Christian Endeavor agricultural army.

There are many vacant lots that the authorities of our cities are willing to allow any one who will to cultivate. Most of us who live in the country or the suburbs can easily obtain a piece of ground to till, if it is not much larger than a big table-cloth. Everything we raise will help to feed ourselves or some one else. The authorities tell us there is no danger of over-production this year, however many of us turn farmers or gardeners.

So, in order to do my little part to stimulate this necessary patriotic programme, I offer a friendly challenge to all present and past Endeavorers to enlist with me in the army of producers, whether they ever before cultivated a farm or a garden-patch, or not. We will enroll in this army any past or present Endeavorer who will send in his name; and in order further to stimulate interest, and that we may get the best results, especially from the boys and girls who enjoy a little friendly emulation, I will compete with them for certain cash prizes.

I will offer twenty dollars for the Christian Endeavor man or boy, girl or woman, who gets the largest results from a piece of ground twenty feet square (four hundred square feet); ten dollars for the one who gets the second largest results, and four other prizes of five dollars each for the next four.

The same prizes I will offer for the six who obtain the largest results from an acre of ground.

The cash value of the crop raised is to be reckoned up by the first of November, according to the retail prices prevailing in the New York produce market during the fourth week in October.

Each competitor shall keep an accurate and honest account of everything that his acre or his four hundred square feet of ground produces, and submit to the United Society of Christian Endeavor a written statement of the value of his produce, on or after November 1, 1917. This statement will be accepted, as I shall rely upon the accuracy and honesty of all Christian Endeavor recruits in this army.

Perhaps others will add to these prizes, making them larger or increasing their number.

But of course the possible prizes will be the smallest inducement to enlist. Genuine patriotism in the time of our country's and of the world's real need for larger food supplies is the first and great motive. Incidentally, however, from these efforts to ward off privation, and to bring staple articles of food down to a normal price for the benefit of all, will come health and strength, and I believe real pleasure, to those who never before have handled the hoe.

Endeavorers who are genuine farmers and gardeners will have the advantage of some of us raw recruits; but we will not begrudge it to them, and shall be glad of their experienced competition. I am going to compete with the rest of you, and will measure off my acre and my four hundred square feet of garden on my little farm, and will do my best to raise all I can.

I have little hope, however, of winning any prize, for the soil of my farm is comparatively poor, and in addition has been neglected for fifty years or so until very recently. Still, I will do the best I can.

Other prizes will be announced later.

Let me summarize the terms pro-

posed for the Christian Endeavor army of agriculturists:

1. Enlist by sending your name to me, at 31 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, whether you compete for a prize or not. No other conditions required except to report, if you will, the amount raised on your farm or garden-plot.

2. If you will compete with me for a prize, state whether you are a past or present Christian Endeavorer, and whether you compete for the prizes offered for the acre or for the four hundred square feet, or both.

3. Measure the ground carefully; keep accurate account of all produce raised; and by the first of November send a certified list of vegetables and fruit or other produce raised, and its market value according to the New York retail prices during the last week of October. Those can be found daily in most of the New York papers and many others throughout the country.

Any kind of produce will count for the prizes—vegetables, grain, fruit, or feed for animals. Hired help can be employed, or two or more Endeavorers may join together in cultivating the land.

If you cannot possibly get a piece of land to cultivate, join the army of Food Economy, wasting nothing from the table, and saving so far as possible in food supplies.

Motto, "More food produced and no waste in our country's time of need."

P. S. Since the above was written, Dr. Howard B. Grose, Dr. Amos R. Wells, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Mr. A. J. Shurtle, and Mr. J. J. Arakelyan have offered twenty-five dollars each in prizes to the Endeavorers who raise the most valuable crop of corn, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, and cabbages, respectively (one kind of vegetable only for each competitor), on a piece of land of four hundred square feet. This money is to be divided into four prizes, one of ten dollars and three of five dollars each, for each of the crops mentioned, the value of the crops to be decided, as in the other cases, by the prices in the New York produce market in October.

Two hundred other prizes of one dollar each will be given to those who send in the best records, though they may not win the larger sums.

C. E. NOTES.

Christian Endeavor Farmers.

The United Society of Christian Endeavor urges that Endeavorers everywhere cultivate plots of ground as a patriotic duty, in order to increase the country's food production. It also seeks to encourage this movement by offering various prizes for the best yield. In addition, it urges conservation of food by wise household economy. This is an army in which most can enlist, though their youth or age or physical infirmities keep them out of the army.

Christian Endeavor Vacation Homes.

At Sagamore Beach, Mass., a Christian Endeavor summer colony, it is planned to build a vacation home to which Endeavorers from all over the State can come for two weeks of healthful and enjoyable holidays by the sea. This is in imitation of the successful Christian Endeavor holiday homes of England and the Continent. The movement is a growing one, and other States will doubtless follow the example of the Massachusetts Endeavorers.

Christian Endeavor Progress.

The old building on the site of the new Christian Endeavor headquarters building on Beacon Hill, Boston, has been torn down, and the new building will soon begin to rise.

The Southern Endeavorers have

formed a definite plan for largely increased gifts to denominational missions this year, apportioning the sums among the States.

Nine Life-Work Recruits came from a recent meeting of the Kansas City, Mo., Intermediates.

Four hundred new societies have been organized in Texas during the past two years.

A single county union in California, Los Angeles county, had 3,320 registered delegates at its last convention.

A town in Oklahoma thirteen miles from the railroad had a Christian Endeavor rally recently with 140 delegates from six societies, many coming in automobiles.

There are a number of active Finnish Christian Endeavor societies in the United States.

Christian Endeavor Ways.

At a recent Christian Endeavor banquet in Minneapolis forty-two pastors were present, each Endeavor society paying for its pastor's plate.

An open-air sunrise service held recently by Detroit Endeavorers brought out a crowd of eight hundred.

A Massachusetts society has given its church a fine lantern to commemorate the society's thirty years of service.

At Hereford, out in the Texas Panhandle, a Christian Endeavor convention was held recently. One party of Endeavorers drove eighty-five miles by Ford car across the prairies in order to get there, and eighty-five miles back again.

The Colorado union has bought an automobile for the use of its State field secretary.

A recent Kentucky district convention held a service in the Deaf and Dumb Institute of Danville, where is a society of 136 members. The participants used the sign language, or what they said was interpreted in that language.

Christian Endeavor in Other Lands.

A South Australian society has made 254 visits to the sick, taking them flowers or groceries.

A British Christian Endeavor union has been making a street and household-to-house collection for a hospital and orphanage.

The Methodist denominations in Australia have united in one great body, which has cordially adopted Christian Endeavor as its denominational young people's society.

Three Chinese young men went from Kwangchow to the last Chinese Christian Endeavor convention, and on their return inaugurated Christian Endeavor work. Within a year a Christian Endeavor convention in Kwangchow brought together 260 Christians.

Christian Endeavor had 750 societies in India in 1905; now it has 1,678. Twenty-three of the fifty members of the national Christian Endeavor Council are Indians.

Christian Endeavor flourishes in the Friends' Industrial Mission of British East Africa.

Christian Endeavorers at Work.

The Christian Endeavor union of Derby, Conn., has recently placed Bibles in the hotels of the town, and is planning an aggressive temperance campaign.

Southern Endeavorers are supporting a Christian Endeavor worker in China.

A new Maryland Christian Endeavor paper has been started.

A Baptist society in Washington, D. C., has divided into two parts, which are "racing" to San Francisco, various kinds of work counting as "miles."

A United Brethren society in Day-

ton, Va., recently gained seventy-three new members in a membership contest.

The various Massachusetts counties held rousing conventions on Patriots' Day (the anniversary of the battle of Lexington).

Florida's last Christian Endeavor convention was the largest in its history.

Tillotson College, Austin, Tex., has a fine Christian Endeavor society.

Christian Endeavor and the War.

The societies in Manitoba have sent to the war an average of eight young men apiece,—appalling figures when it is remembered how large a proportion of Endeavorers are girls or are two young for the army.

British Endeavorers are holding services in military hospitals.

President Stevenson, head of the Boston Christian Endeavor union, is now an officer in the navy. He is a lawyer, and sacrificed a comfortable income in order to "do his bit."

For patriotic reasons the United Society trustees have postponed the International Christian Endeavor Convention, which was to have been held in New York in July, for one year, provided the war is then over. The Endeavorers are urged to contribute the money they would have spent to a fund for the re-establishing of Christian Endeavor after the war in the devastated lands.

The British Christian Endeavor convention has been postponed on account of the war.

One Christian Endeavor society in Scotland has only one male member at home, all the others being with the armies.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TITHING WEEK.

The Christian Endeavorers of the South have been asked to tithe their income for the week of May 20-27 for the mission work of their respective denominations, and where they have no fixed income to plan to earn something some way that week for missions.

Offerings of Southern Presbyterian Endeavorers for Foreign Missions should be either sent directly to Mr. Edwin F. Willis, treasurer, 154 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn., or sent to him through the treasurer of the local church. These offerings will be used for the support of Dr. and Mrs. Stixrud of our African Mission, who have been designated as our Christian Endeavor missionaries.

Offerings for Home Missions should be sent directly (or through the church treasurer) to Mr. A. N. Sharp, treasurer, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Ga., and will be used toward the support of Beechwood Seminary, at Heidelberg.

Our endeavorers should be proud of their recognition by the Missionary Committees of our church, and should show by their offerings that the confidence of these committees is not misplaced.

Jas. Lewis Howe, Trustee of United Society of C. E. from Southern Presbyterian Church, and Superintendent Missionary Dept. Virginia C. E. Union.

SUMMER CONFERENCE IN KENTUCKY.

A summer conference will be held at Jackson, "in the shadow of High Knob," July 10-15. Many choice workers in Sunday-school, Church and Home Mission work will have a place on the program. It is hoped that Christian workers from every part of the Synod of Kentucky will attend. All the services will be held in Lees Collegiate Institute. The conference will be in charge of Mr. Thomas B. Talbot, superintendent of